



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SPERLING ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/070,728

Filed: November 3, 2002

For: METAL CLUSTERS CONTAINING  
NUCLEOTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS,  
AND INTERMEDIATES THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1637

Attorney  
Docket: 02/23192

Examiner: Jezia Riley

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

## RESPONSE

Sir;

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, which response is being made on or before July 30, 2004, and for which one-month extension fees are due and are submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: